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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kelly R. Brown, et al.
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MUSCULOSKELETAL REPAIR OR REGENERATION**

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed on November 26, 2004. With the petition for a three-month extension of time filed herewith this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.